

REMARKS

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter recited by claims 4, 7, 8, 12, 15 and 16. In response to the Office Action dated August 5, 2004, Applicants have canceled claim 1, without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants have rewritten claim 8 into independent format, and amended the dependency of claims 2-6 and 9-16 to depend on amended claim 8. Applicants have also added independent claims 17-21 so as to recite the allowable subject matter recited by claims 4, 7, 12, 15 and 16, respectively. No new matter has been added.

Having fully responded to all matters raised in the Office Action, Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance, an indication for which is respectfully solicited.

Should there remain any outstanding issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney below so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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